

CLAIMS

1. A commodity control system comprising information storage means, communication means for communicating with an external device, and information processing means for controlling the operation of each of the means,

the storage means storing for each of commodities identification information for identifying the commodity as well as client information of a client who has acquired the commodity, characterized in that

the processing means comprises the steps of

a) correlating the identification information for identifying the commodity with the client information of the client who has acquired the commodity to receive the correlated information from a client terminal through the communication means,

b) collating the received identification information with the identification information stored in the storage means,

c) specifying, when the received identification information has been matched with the identification information stored in the storage means as a result of the collation, the commodity identified by the received identification information, and

d) adding the received client information to the storage means for each of the specified commodities.

2. A commodity control system comprising information storage means, communication means for communicating with an external device, and information processing means for controlling the operation of each of

the means,

the storage means storing for each of commodities identification information for identifying the commodity and manufacturer information of a manufacturer who has manufactured the commodity, characterized in that

the processing means comprises the steps of

a) correlating the commodity identification information with the manufacturer information to receive the correlated information from a manufacturer terminal through the communication means,

b) collating the received identification information with the identification information stored in the storage means,

c) specifying, when the received identification information has been matched with the identification information stored in the storage means as a result of the collation, the commodity identified by the received identification information, and

d) adding the received manufacturer information to the storage means for each of the specified commodities.

3. A commodity control system comprising information storage means, communication means for communicating with an external device, and information processing means for controlling the operation of each of the means,

the storage means correlating identification information for identifying a commodity with manufacturer information of a manufacturer who has manufactured the commodity and storing the correlated information as well as correlating the identification information for

identifying the commodity with client information of a client who has acquired the commodity and storing the correlated information, characterized in that

the processing means comprises the steps of

a) correlating the commodity identification information with the manufacturer information to receive the correlated information from a manufacturer terminal through the communication means,

b) collating the received identification information with the identification information stored in the storage means,

c) specifying, when the received identification information has been matched with the identification information stored in the storage means as a result of the collation, the commodity identified by the received identification information,

d) adding the received manufacturer information to the storage means for each of the specified commodities,

e) correlating the identification information for identifying the commodity with the client information of the client who has acquired the commodity to receive the correlated information from a client terminal through the communication means,

f) collating the received identification information with the identification information stored in the storage means,

g) specifying, when the received identification information has been matched with the identification information stored in the storage means as a result of the collation, the commodity identified by the received identification information, and

h) adding the received client information to the storage means for

each of the specified commodities.

4. The commodity control system according to claim 3, characterized in that

the processing means receives the commodity identification information or the manufacturer information from an information searcher terminal through the communication means, reads out the client information correlated with the received identification information or manufacturer information from the storage means, and transmits the read client information to the information searcher terminal.

5. The commodity control system according to claim 3, characterized in that

the processing means receives the client information from the information searcher terminal through the communication means, reads out from the storage means the identification information or/and manufacturer information correlated with the received client information, and transmits the read identification information or/and manufacturer information to the information searcher terminal.

6. The commodity control system according to claim 3, characterized in that

the processing means receives the commodity identification information from the information searcher terminal through the communication means, reads out from the storage means the manufacturer information correlated with the received identification information, and

transmits the read manufacturer information to the information searcher terminal.

7. The commodity control system according to claim 3, characterized in that

the processing means receives the commodity manufacturer identification information from the information searcher terminal through the communication means, reads out from the storage means the identification information correlated with the received manufacturer information, and transmits the read identification information to the information searcher terminal.

8. The commodity control system according to claim 2 or 3, wherein the storage means stores the manufacturer information, including process information of manufacturing processes in the manufacturer, the processing means receives, when the received manufacturer information is added to the storage means for each of the specified commodities, the process information included in the manufacturer information from the manufacturer terminal through the communication means for each of the manufacturing processes, and also adds the process information included in the received manufacturer information to the storage means for each of the manufacturing processes.

9. A computer readable medium having commodity control data recorded thereon, characterized in that identification information for identifying a commodity and manufacturer information of a manufacturer who has manufactured the commodity are correlated with each other and recorded, and the identification information for identifying the commodity and client information of a client who has acquired the

commodity are also correlated with each other and recorded.